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1. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO APPROACH PROPOSED BY AMBASSADOR SCALE IN REF A. HOWEVER IT GOES BEYOND ANYTHING WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH ROKG SO FAR AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD FIRST GET ROK VIEWS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO OTHER ALLIES. THEREFORE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM FONMIN KIN IN GENERAL TERMS OF CONSIDEATIONS RAISED REF A, INDICATING THAT USUN WILL CONSULT IN GREATER DETAIL WITH HIS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. FONMIN KIM NOW TENTATIVE-LE SCHEDULED TO DEPART NOVEMBER 5 FOR NEW YORK. WOULD SUGGEST THAT WIDER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ALLIES BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER NEW YORK DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN. WE SHOULD HAVE CLEARER UNDERSTANDING WITH KOREANS OF WHERE WE ARE GOING, BEFORE BEGINNING DISCUSSION WITH OTHERS. I REALIZE TIMING FACTOR AS NOTED PARA 8 REF A, BUT WE SHOULD NOT MOVE WITHOUT PROPER PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH KOREANS.

2. FOR THE RECORD I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT FONMIN KIM DID NOT EXPLICITLY STATE HE IS PREPARED TO DROP MEMBERSHIP PARA (PARAGRAPH 7, REF A). WHILE THAT IS REASONABLE EXTRAPOLATION OF HIS REMARKS TO ME, HIS COMMENTS WERE MORE GENERAL, INDICATING READINESS TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY TACTICAL ALTERNATIVES TO OUR PRESENT APPROACH, AS OUTLINED REF B.

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EM I AM REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2. WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED PARA ONE ABOVE BEFORE THAT MEETING.

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